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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of	:	
	:	Administrative Action
RONALD L. CHATTMAN, D.D.S.	:	
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Licensed to Practice Dentistry:	:	CONSENT ORDER
in the State of New Jersey	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of information that patients R.M., I.W., and B.G. were rendered dental treatment by Ronald L. Chattman, D.D.S. (hereinafter "respondent") which failed to conform to standard dental practice in the State of New Jersey. Specifically, R.M. alleged improper treatment concerning her periodontic and endodontic condition, and crown and bridge work; I.W. alleged improper treatment concerning the placement of implants and a bridge; and B.G. alleged improper treatment concerning the crown and bridge work. On March 19, 1997, respondent appeared with counsel, David Lustbader, Esq., at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that concerning respondent's rendering of dental treatment to R.M.,

there was inadequate record keeping with no periodontal charting and no record of prophylaxis over a period of years, poor diagnosis and treatment, poor implant placement, and improper use of long term temporary bonding; that concerning respondent's rendering of dental treatment to I.W., there was poor placement of implants, poor treatment planning and design of the upper prosthesis and a cosmetically unacceptable result; that concerning respondent's rendering of dental treatment to B.G., there was inadequate record keeping with no periodontal charting and no record of prophylaxis, poor diagnosis and treatment planning, and improper use of long term temporary cementation.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 5th DAY OF *November* 1997,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: thirty-five (35) hours of basic crown and bridge with fourteen (14) of those hours being "hands on" education, fourteen (14) hours of basic periodontics, seven (7) hours of treatment planning, and thirty-five (35) hours of restorative implant dentistry. These courses shall be completed within nine months of the entry of the within Consent Order. Further, these courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance, utilizing the attached Pre-Approval

sheet. Respondent also shall be required to complete the attached continuing education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of the within Consent Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course.

2. Respondent shall cease and desist from all surgical implant dentistry, but may continue to perform restorative implant dentistry upon the successful completion of the continuing education listed in paragraph #1 of this Consent Order. For patients where a final impression has been taken for a final prosthesis, respondent shall submit their records to the Board. The Board shall then determine whether respondent may complete treatment prior to the completion of the ordered continuing education.

3. Respondent shall reimburse B.G. in the amount of \$3,500.00. A certified check or money order made payable to B.G. shall be sent within twenty-one days of the entry date of this Consent Order to Ms. Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

4. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in the amount of \$2,500.00 for inadequate record keeping for R.M., I.W., and B.G.; \$2,500.00 for poor treatment planning for R.M., I.W., and B. G.; and \$2,500.00 for poor treatment execution. Payment for the civil penalties totally \$7,500.00 shall be submitted by certified check or money order made

payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Ms. Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, at the address described in paragraph #3. For payment of the \$7,500.00 in civil penalties, respondent shall make twelve monthly payments of \$625.00 per payment. The first payment shall be due by December 1, 1997, and subsequent payments shall continue to be due by the first of each month until all twelve payments are completed. In the event that respondent does not make a timely payment, the full balance will immediately become due.


5. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$198.00. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than twenty-one days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Ms. Agnes Clarke at the address described in paragraph #3.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Valentine Bloch, D.D.S.
President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.



Ronald Chattman, D.D.S.